

In the Specification:

Rewrite the paragraph found at page 1, line 4, as follows:

This application is a continuation-in-part of application 09/343,104, filed June 29, 1999, **now abandoned in favor of continuing application 10/764,430, filed January 23, 2004.**

Rewrite the paragraph found at page 7, lines 20-22, as follows:

(Details of the preferred encoding techniques are further detailed in co-pending applications 09/503,881 (filed February 14, 2000, **now patent 6,614,914**), 09/293,601 (filed April 15, 1999, **now patent 6,427,020**), 09/127,502 (filed July 31, 1998, **now patent 6,345,104**), and patent 5,862,260.)

Rewrite the paragraph found at page 36, lines 28-34, as follows:

The present assignee's prior application 09/127,502, filed July 31, 1998 (**now patent 6,345,104**), shows techniques by which very fine lines can be printed on a medium to slightly change the medium's apparent tint, while also conveying digital data. Commonly-owned application 09/074,034, filed May 6, 1998 (**now patent 6,449,377**), details how the contours of printed imagery can be adjusted to convey digital data. (That technique can be applied to printed text characters, as well as the line art imagery particularly considered.) The assignee's patent 5,850,481 details how the surface of paper or other media can be textured to convey optically-detectable binary data. The assignee's patents 5,841,886 and 5,809,160 detail various techniques for steganographically encoding photographs and other imagery.